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### AMENDMENT

Madam:

In response to the Examiner's Appeal Brief answer mailed January 30, 2006, a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 (b) is respectfully submitted. Please reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.